

FORM B – BUILDING



Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Boston N.

750, 751

Town Lexington

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address 80 Bedford St.

Historic Name George A. Vickery House

Uses: Present Residential

Original Residential

Date of Construction 1895

Source Lexington Valuation lists

Style/Form Colonial Revival

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation Fieldstone

Wall/Trim Wood Clapboard

Roof Asphalt Shingle

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures Barn/Garage



Major Alterations (with dates)

Enclosed entry (date unknown)

Rear addition (date unknown)

Condition Fair

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

Acreage 1.2 A.

Setting On a rise above a street with constant traffic; in a neighborhood of late 19th- and early 20th-century houses

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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date (month / year) April 1998

Follow Massachusetts Historical Commission Survey Manual instructions for completing this form.

BUILDING FORM

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

80 Bedford St. (MHC #750) is one of a number of hip-roofed Colonial Revival houses in Lexington, but is not in as good condition as many others. The house is square, 2½ stories, three-by-three bays, and hip-roofed with a center chimney. It is set on a fieldstone foundation, clad with wood clapboards, and roofed with asphalt shingles. A small hip-roofed rear addition with an exterior chimney is on a concrete block foundation. The front entry, with a stone wall and stairs that appear to be original, is now enclosed in a structure with many windows and elliptical fanlights that is probably a later addition; windows in the house are 2/1 double hung sash. There is a triangular dormer on the front slope of the roof and hipped dormers on the east and west slopes. A small octagonal window is located under the cornice on the facade, a one-story three-sided oriel is on the east elevation, and there is a three-sided bay on the west elevation. A circular one-story bay with a split conical roof is located on the northeast corner. The hip-roofed barn (MHC #751) has a triangular dormer with a hay lift on the front that matches the front dormer of the house. The original part of the barn is now a two-car garage with a flat-roofed extension on the south for two more cars. At the rear, a gabled-addition on the roof is accessed by exterior stairs.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Lexington assessors' records indicate this house was built in 1895 by George A. Vickery, a brushmaker, for he bought the land on which it stands in 1893 without any buildings but was assessed in 1896 for a house on the land, indicating it had been built the previous year.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES ☐ *see continuation sheet*

Lexington Valuation Lists. 1893–1896.

Middlesex Registry of Deeds. Deeds. Cambridge, MA. 2169: 128; 2706: 5, 6; 2886: 59.

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. *If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.*

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

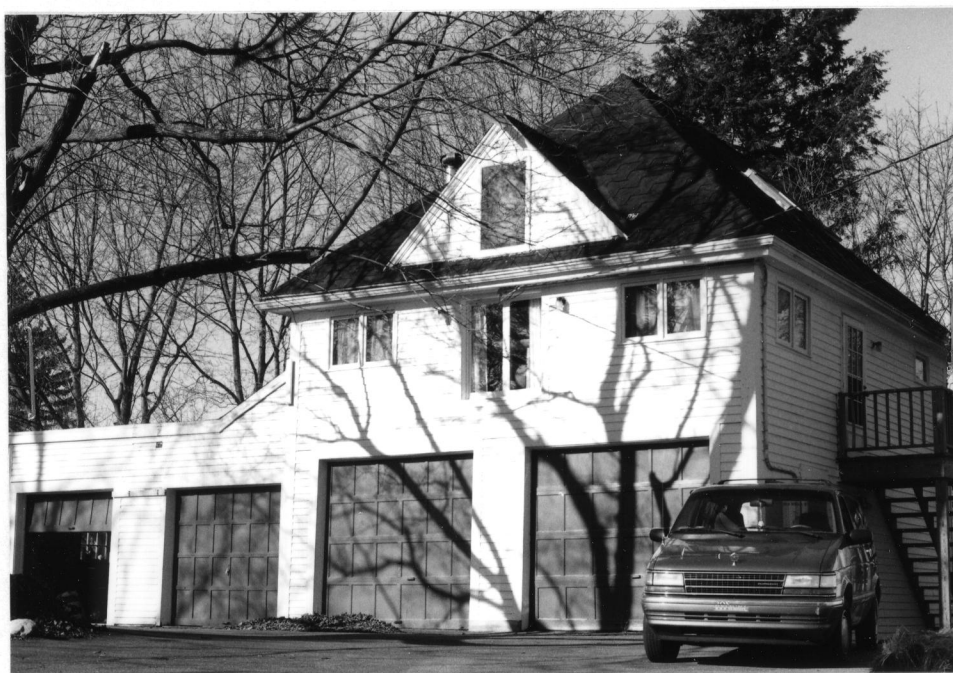
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